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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 18-24 are withdrawn in response to the outstanding restriction requirement. Thus, claims 1-17 are subject to examination on the merits.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required Applicant to elect one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-17, drawn to a method of preparing an anodized electrode, classified in class 205, subclass 210.

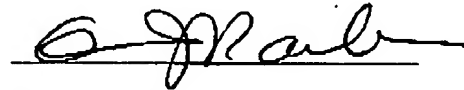
Group II: Claims 18-24, drawn to an anodized electrode, classified in class 428, subclass 472.1.

In response, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-17, for prosecution on the merits, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121.

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Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



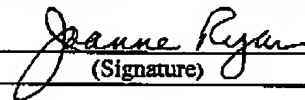
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